

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 204  
By Newton

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate NASA scientist Roger Crouch on his first space flight.

WHEREAS, this Legislative body deems it appropriate to recognize those outstanding Tennesseans for their exceptional skills and talents in their various areas of expertise; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding person is Roger Crouch, who was on board the Space Shuttle Columbia as it escaped earth's bonds on April 3, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the "favorite son" of Polk County conducted experiments for NASA aboard the shuttle during the sixteen-day mission; and

WHEREAS, Roger Crouch was a payload specialist on the mission; he is the chief scientist of the NASA Microgravity Space Applications Division, a position he has held since 1985; and

WHEREAS, Roger showed promise and demonstrated his potential even as a youth growing up in Jamestown, Tennessee. He attended elementary school in Ducktown and graduated from Polk County High School, where he was salutatorian of his class; and

WHEREAS, after graduation from college from Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, Roger began his illustrious career with NASA at the Langley Research Center in Virginia. He later received his master's and doctorate degrees from Virginia Polytechnic Institute; and

WHEREAS, Roger is responsible for assuring that experiments in the flight program achieve the highest level of scientific results possible; and

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WHEREAS, his experience is extensive, and his leadership abilities are documented by high-ranking positions in both national and international groups; and

WHEREAS, Roger Crouch is a name synonymous with hard work, devotion, professionalism, innovation, creativity, equanimity and positive thinking; and

WHEREAS, he exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and commend Roger Crouch for his dedication to NASA, and the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Mr. Roger Crouch on his successful flight aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia and extend to him our best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr. Roger Crouch with this final clause omitted from such copy.